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CITY COUNCIL

Golf course revenues eyed to pay back \$25K

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The Agawam Municipal Golf Course is heading on the right track finally, with about \$25,000 making its way from retained earnings back to the town's general fund.

The Agawam City Council will consider an agenda item at its March 21 meeting to move the

Town-owned links predicting late March start to 2016 season

funds, which represent a partial repayment of the several thousands of dollars that the town has given to the Feeding Hills golf operation in the past two years.

The council's Ad Hoc Golf Committee was seeking more funds to be returned to the general fund, Chairman Robert Rossi said, but the \$25,000 was settled on as the

golf course management prepares for a possible early opening.

"They are looking at opening around Good Friday," Ad Hoc Golf Committee member and City Councilor Anthony Suffriti. "Hopefully that will help them get off to a good start this year."

With former Councilor Dennis Perry voted off the council in last

November's election and Councilor James Cichetti becoming council president, Rossi and former Council President Christopher Johnson were named as new members on the Golf Committee.

The two participated in their first meeting last week. Rossi, Johnson and Suffriti are part of the committee, along with Golf

Course General Manager Tony Roberto and Grounds Superintendent Dan Shay.

Rossi and Johnson, both of whom have been critical of Roberto and his management practices, say they are committed to helping the golf course get back on track and operating on budget.

"We have to make sure Tony is

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Gabby Rueli uses an eye dropper to carefully squeeze drops of water on to a penny to test how many drops the penny would hold before the water overflowed. The fifth grader got as many as 42 drops on the coin during Science Night. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

DOERING SCHOOL

Bonding over science

Middle school families conduct experiments together

By Mike Lydick
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This is such a blast," said Brian Wesley as he and his wife Amy sat in a classroom at Doering School performing a science experiment with their son Dylan.

The Wesleys participated in the school's first Family Science Night. The March 3 event offered students and

their families the opportunity to explore hands-on science experiments. Rotating among classrooms, they spent about 20 minutes conducting four different experiments. They first formed a hypothesis, then conducted an experiment to test their theories.

"It's a great way to get kids and parents involved in learning," said Brian

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During Doering School's Family Science Night, Brian Wesley, his wife Amy and their son Dylan, a sixth grader, perform an experiment with sound waves.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Business group taps a local to lead

By Michael J. Ballway
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For their new executive director, the West of the River Chamber of Commerce asked a familiar face to come home.

And for now, as the Chamber completes its transition from contracted administration to in-house management, Agawam resident Robin Wozniak is working from home — on the job already, even though the Chamber hasn't

yet set up an office for her. Although she's been associated with the Chamber for three years, working with Deb Boronski, whose company Chamber Management Services formerly ran day-to-day operations at the business advocacy group, she sees the move to executive director as an opportunity.

"Deb's office was in East Longmeadow," Wozniak said. "Me living in Aga-

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Having a ball



The "green team" works on a passing drill during a recent session of the Agawam YMCA's instructional basketball program, held every Saturday at Agawam Junior High School. More photos, page 23. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Weeklong tag sale at Senior Center

The Agawam Senior Center will once again hold a weeklong tag sale. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 14-18. The public is invited to stop by the sale at the Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, where "someone's trash may be your treasure."

Librarians laud local legislators, make case for state funds

By Michael J. Ballway

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Librarians from across Massachusetts were in Boston on Tuesday to plead their case for state funding, even as they acknowledged that Agawam's delegation was already listening.

"The representatives here have always been very supportive of libraries," said Stephen Spohn of Massachusetts Library Systems, a state-funded nonprofit agency. Referring to the Legislature as a whole, however, he added: "They all say they're for libraries, but when push comes to shove, why do we always go backward in funding?"

Last month, state Sen. Donald Humason Jr. and state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga were the guests at a legislative breakfast at the Agawam Public Library, where library officials called them among the most library-friendly lawmakers in the state. They also offered their perspectives for Humason and Boldyga to bring back to their colleagues on Beacon Hill.

Tim Ryan, born and raised in Feeding Hills, said he keeps finding reasons to come

back to the Agawam Public Library.

He has a nephew and niece who participate in the Children's Room reading programs. The library's art gallery and display cases showcased his father's collection of John F. Kennedy memorabilia. He himself has used the library's public computers and research resources to help complete two master's degrees online, and now he spends hours each week in the library on his job search.

"The library has literally helped me pursue my educational goals," Ryan said.

Humason, a Westfield Republican, struck a similar tone.

"Library aid can easily be called education aid," and local government aid, the senator said. "By funding libraries, you're doing education aid, child services, English as a second language, worker training and all those other things."

Eric Poulin, president of the Massachusetts Library Association, told the story of a student at Greenfield Community College whom he noticed was spending whole days at the college library. It turned out that he had recently become homeless, and the library was the only free, safe, clean place where he could do his classwork.

"Sometimes it's easy to think of libraries as being just children's programs or book clubs, but we really are working with some of the most vulnerable populations," Poulin said. "We're helping people get themselves back on their feet. We're helping them train for jobs."

Even within their core service — book lending — libraries have embraced new technologies, and the expenses that go along with them, said Spohn, of Massachusetts Library Systems. He noted that libraries don't just stock their shelves with books; they also buy large-print books, e-books, audiobooks. They have become wise with their spending, using agencies such as MLS to pool their purchasing power and



Agawam Public Library patron Tim Ryan stands with Library Director Judy Clinis near the public computers in the library's reference section. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

facilitate interlibrary loans. One of MLS's chief tasks is to make the physical deliveries, hopping from town to town, on which the interlibrary loan system depends.

The MLS delivery service is costly, and with health insurance costs, new sick leave requirements and a rising minimum wage, costs are expected to rise by \$1 million in the next three years. But "we save libraries and residents over \$30 million on postage," Spohn said.

Boldyga, a Southwick Republican, said the state budget remains tight, but there are millions of dollars in fraud in state government — perhaps about \$15 million, he suggested — and there's no reason that money can't go to libraries, instead.

Humason suggested that Western Massachusetts residents contact the speaker of the House and Senate president to lobby for library funding. Library advocates organized a bus trip to Boston on March 8 for Library Legislative Day at the Statehouse.

Gettysburg focus of historical meeting next week

The Agawam Historical Association will host the Ramapogue Historical Society of West Springfield at its annual joint meeting Wednesday, March 16. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam.

Elliot Levy and Andy Phillip, historical re-enactors, will present "Captain John Bigelow," a program about a member of the 9th Massachusetts Artillery

Company during the Civil War. The program will introduce attendees to life on the battlefield during this War Between the States and will focus on the Battle of Gettysburg.

A brief business meeting will precede the program. Refreshments will be served at a social hour following the presentation. Members, friends and guests are invited to attend this informative and educational program.

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Honor and remember



Dozens of police agencies across Massachusetts and Connecticut participated in a motorcycle escort for Guindon's funeral procession.



Students at Roberta Doering School stand at attention along Main Street as they wait for the funeral procession on Monday for Virginia police officer Ashley Guindon, a Springfield native who lived briefly in Agawam. Guindon was killed on her first day on duty, Feb. 27, as a police officer in Prince William County, Va. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



The Agawam Fire Department suspended an American flag over the intersection of Main, Suffield and Springfield streets as the procession crossed from Agawam into West Springfield.



Ashley Kelleher of Southwick brought her two sons, Jesse, 2, and Dylan, 9 months, to Agawam to pay their respects to Ashley Guindon. Kelleher's husband, an Agawam native, is related by marriage to the Guindon family.



Police from as far afield as Tyngsborough, Waltham, Boston, Quincy and Dennis, Mass., and Cheshire, Hartford and Naugatuck, Conn., joined local departments such as Agawam, Chicopee, Enfield, Springfield and West Springfield.



Agawam Police Officer Andrew Green directs traffic at Main and Federal streets. Main Street was closed Monday morning near Agawam Funeral Home, which handled arrangements for Guindon. The mid-morning funeral procession followed Main Street to the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge, on its way to Springfield, where her funeral Mass was in Sacred Heart Catholic Church.



Members of the Marine Corps League held flags to salute Guindon, who had also served as a U.S. Marine reservist.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Both parties should pay attention to primary vote trend

Although it's hard to think of two presidential candidates as unalike as Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump — on policy and on personality — voters on both sides of the aisle in Agawam, and Western Massachusetts in general, sent the same message to the political establishment last Tuesday.

In choosing an unabashed socialist and a brash capitalist, one a longtime independent and newcomer to his political party and the other a longtime celebrity but newcomer to elected politics, voters here told both the Democratic and Republican establishments that they're fed up with politics as usual.

Sanders supporters, even those who don't agree with a political platform that places him firmly on the left wing of a left-leaning party, say they're proud to support a leader who won't flip-flop on core beliefs just to be elected. As much as anything else, they admire his authenticity.

Trump supporters, even those who don't agree with harsh rhetoric that espouses some of the most stridently right-wing beliefs seen in a leading national candidate for years, say they love voting for a man who doesn't soft-pedal or shy away from giving his opinion. As much as anything else, they admire his directness.

The Democratic establishment pick, a former senator and secretary of state, eked out a win in Massachusetts with strong showings in the eastern half of the state, but finished a distant second in most towns outside metropolitan Boston. Trump got as many votes as the next three Republican candidates — all sitting senators or governors — put together, both locally and in the state as a whole.

After years of complaining in a general fashion about gridlock in partisan politics, dysfunction in Washington and the untrustworthiness of politicians, it seems that voters are finally doing something about it — embracing the two candidates who stand apart from the status quo.

There's a lesson here for incumbents of all stripes in the remaining 2016 elections. It's hard to tag state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga and state Sen. Donald Humason Jr. with the "Washington politics" label — after all, they serve in Boston, and as members of a tiny minority party it's hard to blame them for any faults perceived in the state Legislature. But will the example of Trump encourage a primary challenger from the right? Will Sanders' energizing of the left-wing base, like Howard Dean's a decade ago, spark a wave of liberal challengers even in "conservative" districts?

Furthermore, will Trump's widespread support across Western Massachusetts prompt a Republican — or independent — challenge to Richard Neal, who has represented the Springfield area in Congress since 1989?

Perhaps not. It's much harder to unseat an incumbent than to run for an open seat. If they are wise, however, lawmakers like Neal, Humason and Boldyga won't dismiss the March 1 vote as a fluke. Regardless of whether they want single-payer healthcare or a wall on the Mexican border, it seems a strong majority of Agawam residents can agree on one thing — our political system isn't working for the people. And they want to vote for somebody who will.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.

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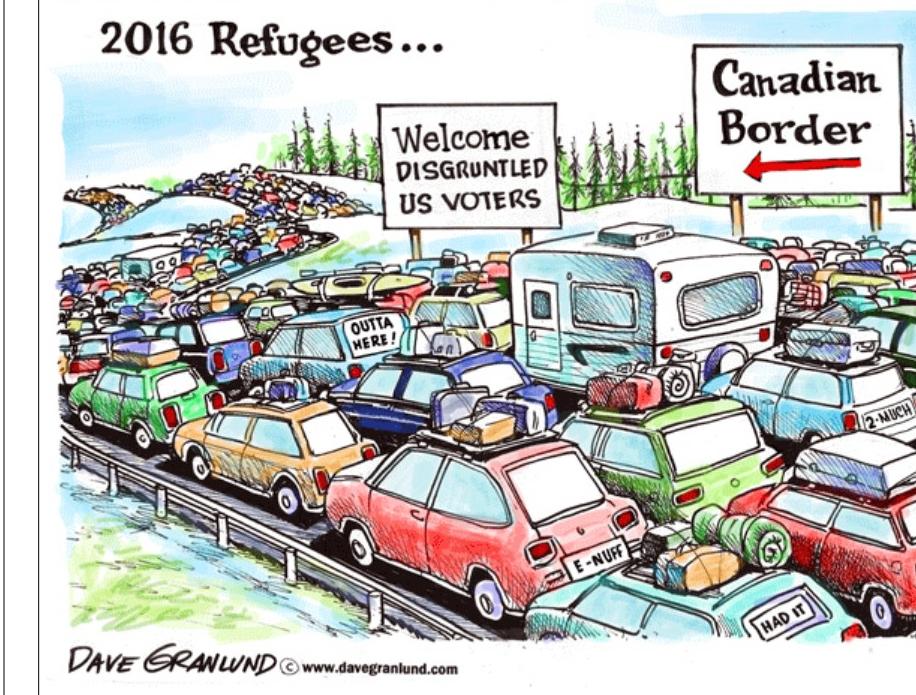
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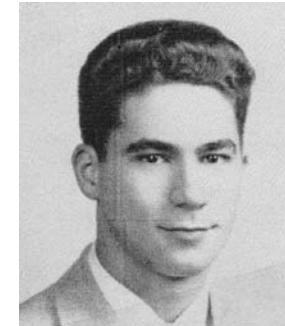
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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS



Tom Panke



Roger Leclerc



Tommy Knight

Our Hall of Fame

Yesterday I mailed a no-brainer: A nomination of Roger Leclerc to be inducted into the Agawam High School Athletics Hall of Fame. To be eligible for nomination, an athlete has to have been out of AHS for a minimum of 10 years and must meet the criteria described by the Hall of Fame committee. You can obtain the criteria from our athletic department so you can make sure that your nominee will be considered.

For Roger, I pulled out a 1954 Sachem and photocopied two pages. One page showed that he participated in football for the required two or more seasons and the other page showed that he was selected on the First Team of the All-Western Mass. team. There could be pages of his accomplishments in college and professional football, but I did not include them at this time.

We should all take our hats off to AHS athletic director Dave Stratton for having the courage to create this Hall of Fame. You know why. There will be fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, wives and husbands of former AHS athletes who are going to be unhappy when their loved one does not get included in the first class. Think about it. How many athletes have played on AHS teams since 1922? That's nearly 100 years. Consider football for a minute. Suppose on average there were just six seniors on the team. That makes nearly 600 football players who could be nominated. Subtract the ones who haven't been out of AHS for 10 years and you have over 500 football players. We had teams back when Harm Smith coached that were undefeated, untied and unscored upon. Who is going to nominate that team? The coach and perhaps all of the players have passed away and it might be hard to find family members. Any in this area have to document how well the team did.

Another problem is, who was on the team? Yearbooks can help, but what if a key player didn't graduate? His name may never appear anywhere. Maybe someone can find a picture of the team. Chances are good that first names are not included. Figuring out those first names could be nearly

impossible.

Naturally, I am interested in the boys soccer nominations. I am the only person alive who has seen every team for the 48 years we have had a team. Maybe I have a few no-brainers in mind, but who is going to nominate them? Who is going to document their achievements? What if the player played on a team with a .500 record? Now you have to show that he was All-Western Mass. or some equivalent.

Old-timers talk about Tommy Knight as being one of the best athletes ever at AHS. Harm Smith, his coach, has passed away. Is Tommy's sister still alive? Can she document his accomplishments at AHS or Amherst College?

Tom Panke '61 is possibly the best distance runner to come out of AHS. He went on to UMass and earned 12 letters in cross country, indoor and outdoor track. He may be the only AHS athlete to have earned 12 letters in college. Harm Smith described Tom as the most dedicated athlete he ever worked with, but is Tom Panke going to be in the first Hall of Fame class? His coach, Ray Weiner, is moving back to this area and may have a scrapbook to help. The 1961 Sachem isn't much help, because spring sports were always after the yearbook was printed.

How's your arithmetic? Start adding 500 football players, 300 boys soccer players, hundreds of hockey players, baseball players, tennis players, golfers, etc. Then add in the girl athletes we have had for about the last 40 years. You should be in the thousands easily. Some of them deserve to be in the Hall of Fame, but someone has to nominate them, document their accomplishments and hope that the committee thinks they are deserving. God bless the committee members willing to make the decisions.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



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James Cichetti

Rheault and Robert Rossi.

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If you have an issue pertaining to any of these areas, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate chairman. As always, you can always contact me as council president. My cell phone is 413-246-8766. I am happy to listen to whatever the issue is and will work hard to find a quick solution. Of course, if you have a relationship with a specific councilor, feel free to contact them directly. Please visit us on the town website (www.agawam.ma.us) or the City Council Facebook page, where you will find all of the contact information for the City Council members.

Thank you!

James Cichetti is president of the Agawam City Council.

Donations being accepted now for library Friends book sale in May

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library are preparing for the annual used book sale. Donations of hardcover and paperback books, DVDs and CDs will be accepted at the library during regular hours.

A special preview sale for members only will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, in the Community Room at the library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam. The sale will be open to the public Friday, May 20, 2-5 p.m. for a \$3 charge, and Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at no charge. Members of the Friends of the Agawam Library will be ad-

mitted free on Thursday and Friday.

All proceeds go to support programs at the library. The Friends of the Agawam Public Library is a nonprofit, 501c3 tax-exempt organization whose mission is to support the town library by providing fundraisers, workshops and educational activities, and volunteer services.

For more information, write to Friends of the Agawam Public Library, P.O. Box 478, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-0478. The Friends group is not connected to any local, state, or federal government agency.

Holy Week services, egg hunt at First Baptist

All are welcome to attend the Agawam First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., on the corner of Main and Elm streets, "A place where all are welcomed with a community of family united by faith." Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for children and childcare followed by coffee hour and snacks. The church is handicap-accessible. Hall rentals are available by calling 413-786-7300. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events.

Holy Week Services: Monday-Friday, March 21-25, noon at Sacred Heart Church,

1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Maundy Thursday: March 24, 7 p.m. service

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 26, 2 p.m.

Resurrection Service: Easter Sunday, March 27, 9:30 a.m.

Indoor Tag Sale: Saturday, April 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., tag sale, bake sale, snack bar

Trading Post Consignment Shop: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7300.

Women's Club to discuss motherhood nonprofit

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club will meet Tuesday, March 15, at the Agawam Senior Center, 754 Main St. A social will take place with refreshments beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program and business meeting at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Shannon Rud-

der, executive director of MotherWoman, a non-profit organization based in Western Massachusetts that reaches out nationwide with curriculum-based postpartum support groups and political activism on behalf of mothers and their families.

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Lions, Y host free wellness program this Saturday

Lions Club International, District 33, is partnering with the Agawam YMCA to benefit local families with a free community wellness program, Saturday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will include eye checks, hearing screenings, fitness assessments and blood pressure checks. Everyone that shows up will receive a free one-month trial membership to the YMCA Wellness and Program Family Center at 63 Springfield St., Agawam.

For more information, call 413-366-5050.

Lions host corned beef dinner

The Agawam Lions Club will host a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16. The dinner will be held at the Agawam High School cafeteria, 760 Cooper St. Tickets, which are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children, are available at Bob's Barber Shop, 13 Maple St., Agawam, from any Lions Club member and at the door.

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 288 calls for service from Feb. 29 to March 6. The department recorded six arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, March 2

Paul D. Reopel, 51, of 17 Atwater St., Westfield, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 84 EMS calls from Feb. 23 to Feb. 29, and the following emergency response calls.

On Feb. 23 at 12:15 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

On Feb. 23 at 12:17 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

On Feb. 23 at 9:02 a.m., the department responded to Maple Street for public service.

On Feb. 23 at 11:32 a.m., the department responded to Winthrop Street for lockout.

On Feb. 23 at 2 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for authorized controlled burning.

On Feb. 24 at 2:21 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Feb. 24 at 7:11 p.m., the department responded to Lawnwood Street for false alarm or false call, other.

On Feb. 24 at 7:18 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for gasoline or other flammable liquid spill.

On Feb. 25 at 1:17 a.m., the department responded to Adams Street for building or structure weakened or collapsed.

On Feb. 25 at 1:37 p.m., the department responded

Friday, March 4
Katharine Mildred Isaacs, 25, of 354 Old Wharf Lane, Dennisport, was arrested on a default warrant.

Nicholas Peter Roy, 24, of 109 Parker St., Indian Orchard, was arrested on a default warrant.

Brenna Murray, 22, of 264 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, was arrested on two default warrants and a charge of being a fugitive from justice on court warrant.

Victoria Ann Sikand, 23, of 140 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, was arrested on a warrant.

Scott W. Haapanen, 52, of 134 Channel Drive, Agawam, was arrested on two default warrants.

Tag, bake sale at Community Grange

Community Grange 382, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills will hold an indoor tag and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.

Valley 'Woman of the Year' nominations due next week

SPRINGFIELD — The Professional Women's Chamber is seeking nominations for its Woman of the Year award. The award is presented annually to a woman in Western Massachusetts who exemplifies outstanding leadership, professional accomplishment and service to the community.

Candidates must be gainfully employed in a paid full-time position and live or work in the Pioneer Valley. Any woman in the Pioneer Valley may be nominated; no chamber affiliation is required. Nominee achievements can be representative of a lifetime of work or for more recent successes.

Nomination forms are available online at www.professionalwomenschamber.com or by contacting event committee chairman Jenny MacKay at jmackay@gaudreaugroup.com. The deadline for nominations is March 18.

Fire Dept. to host blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, March 25, at the Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St.

March has been recognized as Red Cross Month by every U.S. president since 1943. Red Cross Month is a celebration of supporters who are the face of the Red Cross in their communities, helping to prepare for and bringing help and hope after emergencies.

To make an appointment to donate blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Catholic Women to host dinner, show

The Catholic Women's Club will hold its annual March entertainment event Monday, March 14, at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner presented by Partners Restaurant, followed by the show at 8 p.m. All club members and their female guests are invited to attend.

For more information and to make reservations, call Betty at 413-786-1481.

Folksinger to give free concert next month

The Agawam Cultural Council welcomes folksinger Rick Spencer to the Agawam Public Library at 7 p.m. Friday, April 8. Spencer will present an evening of historic songs of outlaws, villains and rogues as part of the 12th season of the Cultural Council's popular Applause Series.

The concert is an entertaining musical voyage through the human obsession with misdeeds and evildoers. Spencer will perform songs and ballads from as far back as the 1500s, and as recent as the 1930s, with commentary, telling stories of notorious real-life "bad guys."

Spencer is an internationally recognized folk singer, songwriter and historian best known for his series of themed historical music programs. His tours have taken him throughout the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Europe.

The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam, and can be reached by phone at 413-789-1550. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

Additional information on each of the Applause Series events is available at www.agawamcc.org.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council and is funded, in part, by the state agency. The Agawam Cultural Council is charged with bringing engag-



Internationally recognized folk singer Rick Spencer will perform at the Agawam Public Library on April 8 as part of the Agawam Cultural Council Applause Series. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ing, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

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10. Has 50 states	38. Sees what the future holds
11. Able to move	39. The extended location of something
12. Prime Minister (abbr.)	40. Cobalt
14. Cotangent (abbr.)	41. Dwells
15. Particle	47. Reprimand
16. Fastened	49. Agree to a demand
18. Wonders	50. Talented in or devoted to music
22. Surpassing all others	51. Gospels
23. Provides basement access	52. European defense organization (abbr.)
24. Daily	53. Edge of a cloth
26. North Dakota	54. Equally
27. Related to gulls	55. Experience again
28. Provoke	57. Female sheep
30. Lake __, one of the Great	58. Made vanish
31. Police department	59. Unit of force (abbr.)
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9. Delaware	44. Billy __ Williams
12. Post-traumatic stress disorder	45. Icelandic poems
13. Island	46. A Scottish tax
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. HD15P2157EA
Estate of: Cynthia G. Stack

Also Known As:
Sunta G. Stack

Date of Death:

September 22, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert N. Stack** of Agawam MA,

Robert N. Stack of Agawam MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

3/10/16

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

February 17, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library, Community Room, 750 Cooper

Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, March 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** for all parties interested in the appeal of Howard Kanegsberg and Marianne St. Andre, who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 (D), Section 180-69 (G5) and Section 180-71 of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances to allow for the construction of a residential structure found to lie within the floodplain with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as 184 River Road.

Doreen Prouty, Chairperson
Agawam Board of Appeals
3/10/3/17/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758**

Docket No. HD16C0037CA

In the matter of: Arianna Lee Donovan-Isaacs Of: Agawam, MA

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Bridget L Tourigny** requesting that: **Arianna Lee Donovan-Isaacs** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

Arianna Lee Donovan

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 03/30/2016

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 2, 2016

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
3/10/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103**

Docket No. HD14P1201PM

**In the matter of:
James J D'Amato**

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 2, 2016

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
3/10/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103**

Docket No. HD16P0316PM

**In the matter of:
Margaret A O'Rourke**

**Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT**

**(Person to be Protected/
Minor)**

CITATION GIVING

NOTICE OF PETITION

FOR APPOINTMENT

OF CONSERVATOR OR

OTHER PROTECTIVE

ORDER PURSUANT TO

**G.L. c. 190B,
§§-304 & §5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Heritage Hall North** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging

**Of: Agawam, MA
Protected Person/
Disabled Person/
Respondent**

**CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF
CONSERVATOR'S
ACCOUNT**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Second account(s) of **William P D'Amato** of Easthampton, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 04/01/2016. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 04, 2016

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
3/10/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court**

Probate and Family Court

50 State Street

Springfield, MA 01103

(413)748-7758

Docket No. HD16C0040CA

**In the matter of:
Emily Christine McCann**

Of: Agawam, MA

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Gregory M McCann** requesting that: **Emily Christine McCann** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

Sebastian GrimRose

McCann

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 03/31/2016

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 3, 2016

Suzanne T. Seguin

Register of Probate
3/10/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court**

Probate and Family Court

50 State Street

Springfield, MA 01103

Docket No. HD16P0316PM

**In the matter of:
Margaret A O'Rourke**

Of: Agawam, MA

RESPONDENT

**(Person to be Protected/
Minor)**

CITATION GIVING

NOTICE OF PETITION

FOR APPOINTMENT

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ORDER PURSUANT TO

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afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 22, 2016

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
3/10/16

**Town of Agawam
LEGAL AD**

The Town of Agawam is accepting proposals for the maintenance of the Agawam portion of the Connecticut River Walk and Bikeway and Pynchon Point Park parking lot landscaping for calendar year 2016. The path is 1.75 miles long and runs along the Connecticut River on the east side of River Road. Pynchon Point Park is located at the north end of River Road. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a contract with the Town of Agawam. For a copy of the Request for Proposals and contract, please contact the Agawam Planning Office at 786-0400, extension 8738. Proposals shall be submitted to the Agawam Planning Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, by April 1, 2016.

PER ORDER OF:
Office of Planning & Community Development
3/10/16

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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Crochet Club adds meeting days

Established about one year ago, the Agawam Crochet Club has evolved into a social network of men and women who meet at the Agawam United Methodist Church directly across the street from Agawam High School, on the first and third Tuesday of each month. All meetings are free of charge and open to all.

It is a gathering both of people who know how to crochet and who want to be a part of a social network of crocheters, and beginners who know little to nothing about crocheting, but who want to learn. It is also for people who may know something about crocheting, but who have difficulty understanding written instructions or deciphering the coding used in chart patterns.

New stitches and old, and almost forgotten vintage work, are just some of the many exciting frontiers of crochet that club members brave together. Charity work is also enjoyed and encouraged, such as chemo-

caps, hats and mittens, prayer shawls and stuffed animals.

In addition to the meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month, the Agawam Congregational Church, at 745 Main St., has agreed to host club meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. This will allow for better continuity and practice of the aspects of crochet that are shared and learned. Although learning is a vital component of what is done each week, this is a club and not a class. The atmosphere is relaxed and geared toward enjoyment. All those interested are invited. Participants that do not have hooks or yarn are welcome to use what is available at the meetings. There is plenty.

For more information, call Mark at 413-786-7991 or 860-837-4344, email trueblue2007@aol.com or text him at 860-837-4344. Walk-ins are welcome. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.



Cradles to Crayons is taking donations of new pajamas through March 15 at the Agawam Public Library Children's Room. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Children's pajama drive ends Tuesday

The Agawam Public Library is partnering with the Boston Bruins and Cradles to Crayons to provide new pajamas for local children in need across Massachusetts. The pajama drive started in February and continues through

March 15. Donations of new children's pajamas are being collected in the Children's Room at the library at 750 Cooper St., Agawam. For more information, call 413-789-1550, ext. 3.

Info night next week for kindergarten parents

Agawam schools will host Parent Information Night, for parents of incoming kindergartners, at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Phelps School, 695 Main St., Agawam. Administrators will answer any questions parents have in regard to their child entering Agawam public schools.

Kindergarten enrollments are being taken now through the start of next school year from Agawam and Feeding Hills families with a child who be 5 years old by Sept. 1. Families should register directly with their neighborhood's assigned elementary school. Parents uncertain about what school serves their address should call the School Department Central Office at 413-821-0552.

All incoming kindergarten students will be screened at their respective school. As-

signed times will be provided to families once their registration forms have been submitted. Students only attend one date listed below.

There are four elementary schools in town:

- Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main St., Agawam; 413-821-0586. Screenings on April 12 and 13.
- Clifford M. Granger School, 31 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills; 413-821-0580. Screenings on April 26 and 27.
- James Clark School, 65 Oxford St. (off South Street), Agawam; 413-821-0571. Screenings on March 28 and 29.
- Robinson Park School, 65 Begley St. (off Maple Avenue), Agawam; 413-821-0582. Screenings on April 5 and 6.

wam, having been in Agawam for 17 years, it's more convenient to me. We're always looking for ways we can help our businesses and our members in the region, and I think we'll be able to do that more heavily now."

Wozniak hastens to point out that she spends as much time as possible on the road, hosting events and visiting Chamber members and prospective members. She said she hopes to set up a "real" office soon in either Agawam or West Springfield.

Her top priority is to grow the membership of the West of the River Chamber, which serves Agawam and West Springfield, and retain current members, she said. The Chamber has 166 members.

Other plans include reaching out to other area chambers of commerce to hold joint programs. The West of the River Chamber recently hosted a multi-chamber lunch and workshop on Robert's Rules of Order. Wozniak also wants to increase the Chamber's political advocacy, both in town and state affairs. Earlier this year she spoke to the City Council in Agawam, for example, about the need to reduce the town's split property tax rate. She hopes to get to know the mayors of both towns very well.

Wozniak grew up in Easthampton and attended Holyoke Community College and Worcester State College before leaving to join the workforce. She worked for years at McNair Business Machines in Springfield, eventually taking on the role of leading McNair's sales office in Northampton. She took a few years off after becoming a mother, and re-entered the workforce on the hospitality staff at Chez Josef in Agawam.

It was the connections she made there that brought her back to a management role. Chez Josef promoted her to marketing director, and Wozniak attended many of the same events as Boronski, who eventually invited her to join her company. Working at Chez Josef and staying active in the business-to-business community also introduced Wozniak to many of the Chamber members she now serves.

"I've known a lot of them through the rapport and relationships we've built through networking," Wozniak said. "You never know when they're going to come back and present new opportunities."

CHAMBER ■ from page 1



Robin Wozniak, an Agawam resident, was recently named the new executive director of the West of the River Chamber of Commerce. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Coming to work full-time for the Chamber was a "seamless transition," Wozniak said. She worked for Boronski for three years at Chamber Management Services, which contracted with the Chamber to provide administrative services. When Boronski took a job with the state government as regional director for the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, the management company folded and the West of the River Chamber decided to take on Wozniak as its first-ever executive director. Before contracting with Boronski, the West of the River Chamber had been part of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and relied on its parent group for administration.

Wozniak said she hopes local control will reinvigorate the West of the River Chamber.

GOLF ■ from page 1

operating within the budget he has so he is not coming to us for taxpayers' money," said Rossi.

The golf course had been a money-loser for three of four years before having an excellent end to the 2014 season and an even better 2015. Final figures on the golf course's profitability lag season receipts because each spring-summer-fall golf season is split in half by the fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30.

In order to "balance the budget" for a state Department of Revenue audit, the council has been asked the past few years to provide assistance from the general fund to help the course operate during the spring months. The funds are meant to be paid back based on what the course takes in, but there have been no repayments in the past few years.

The \$25,000 transfer is the first return of taxpayer money in the past three years. General fund money has paid for new golf carts, a new multi-use mower to keep the greens maintained, and to help with gen-

eral operations after years of low revenue.

The carts were a \$265,000 cost, the mower cost \$70,000 last year, and 2014 saw a taxpayer subsidy of \$22,000 for operations.

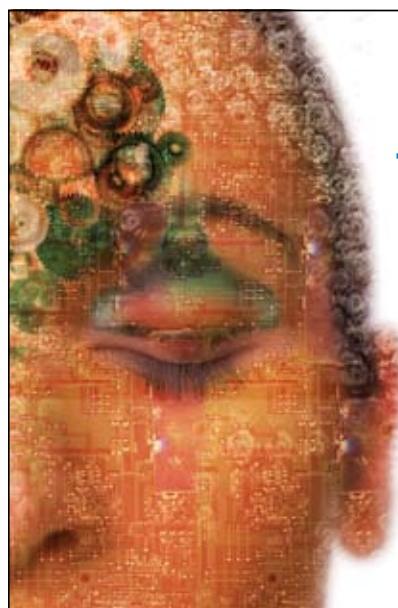
The proposed transfer this year was made possible because of revenue generated in the second half of 2015. Suffritti said Roberto is projecting a good spring if the weather is cooperative. If that occurs, the course would be in a position to pay more funds back to the general fund.

"The course has a responsibility to try and get some of those funds back to the taxpayers," said Rossi.

Johnson said he is hopeful the course can start turning a profit and won't need future subsidies.

"That is ultimately the goal," said Johnson. "We want to get Tony to a point where he has a budget he can live with."

Both he and Rossi wish the \$25,000 were more, but called it a start. Suffritti said he felt it was a step in the right direction for the course.



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Thursday, March 10

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, 833 Main St., Agawam, will host a speaker series beginning at 7 p.m., "Is assisted suicide really death with dignity? What are end of life directives. What about withholding treatment?" The public is invited.

BIG BAND ERA returns with Premier Swing Band from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield St., West Springfield. Free and open to the public. Dance lesson at 6:30 p.m., band at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.PremierEntertains.com, call David Neill at 413-686-5027, or email tbn8@aol.com.

A LENTEN BOOK REFLECTION, "TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT," a spiritual biography of Andy Gustafson, at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High St., Suffield, at 7 p.m. The study will be facilitated by the pastors of the church, the Rev. Bridget Fidler and the Rev. Diann Bailey. All are welcome. For information about the book, call the church office at 860-668-7223.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Irish Fiddle" featuring Eileen Markland, violinist, violist, fiddler, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, March 11

THE 17TH ANNUAL QUIET DAY, a Lenten tradition at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High St., Suffield, from 1 to 7 p.m., with a worship service at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 860-668-7223.

LENTEN LUNCH at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. For take-out, call ahead Friday morning at 413-221-5399. There is a 50-cent packaging charge for take-out.

Saturday, March 12

BENEFIT FOR LANDEN PALATINO, Agawam American Legion 185, 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Two sessions - noon to 3 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets, \$20 for adults; \$7 for children. Buffet, clowns, magicians, a disc jockey and crafts for children. All proceeds to benefit the Palatino family. Eight-year-old Landen has been diagnosed with glioblastoma, a fast-growing brain tumor and has extensive treatment ahead. For tickets, call Jenny Wright at 413-250-5127.

INDOOR TAG AND BAKE SALE at Community Grange 382, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.

Sunday, March 13

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented

Chamber networking lunch next week

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will hold a networking lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at Latitude Restaurant, 1338 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Attendees must be a Chamber member or guest of a member. The lunch offers an opportunity to enjoy a sit-down lunch while networking with fellow Chamber members. Each attendee will get a chance to offer a brief sales pitch.

The only cost to attend is the cost of lunch. Attendees will order off the menu and pay separately. The Chamber cannot invoice members for this expense.

For more information, call the Chamber at 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

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and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

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"TINY HOUSES: A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO HOME OWNERSHIP," at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. To register, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4 or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

Monday, March 14

AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE CORNED BEEF DINNER 5 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. \$12 per person. For tickets, call Laurie O'Connell at 413-519-1071 or any committee member. For information on becoming a member of the committee, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247.

Tuesday, March 15

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public. A great opportunity exists with the Agawam Cultural Council for anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town.

Wednesday, March 16

THE AGAWAM SAINT PATRICK COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam. New members are welcome.

A CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER hosted by the Agawam Lions Club from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Agawam High School cafeteria, 760 Cooper St. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets available at Bob's Barber Shop, 13 Maple St., Agawam, from any Lions Club member and at the door. For more information, visit www.agawamlions.org.

AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION joint meeting with Ramapogue Historical Society of West Springfield at 7 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam. Elliot Levy and Andy Phillip, historical re-enactors, will present "Captain John Bigelow," a program about a member of the 9th Massachusetts Artillery Company during the Civil War. All are welcome.

TOBACCO VALLEY ARTISTS ASSOCIATION will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Featured artist Carla Lindsey will demonstrate the use of acrylic medium in creating a landscape painting. All are welcome.

Thursday, March 17

A LENTEN BOOK REFLECTION, "TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT," a spiritual biography of Andy Gustafson, at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High St., Suffield, at 7 p.m. The study will be facilitated by the pastors of the church, the Rev. Bridget Fidler and the Rev. Diann Bailey. All are welcome. For information about the book, call the church office at 860-668-7223.

Saturday, March 19

AN ALL-CHURCH TAG SALE at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tag sale will include a bake sale, fresh popcorn, clothes and accessories, toys and games, books, kitchen articles, household items, furniture and more.



Friday, March 25

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE from noon to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St. To make an appointment, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Wednesday, March 23

SCHOLA NOVA, ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Easthampton, will participate in Tenebrae services at 7 p.m. at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, 335 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow. The public is invited to attend this solemn service.

Friday, April 8

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will host Rick Spencer, internationally recognized folk singer, songwriter, and historian best known for his series of theme-based historical music programs, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library as part of its popular Applause Series. It is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 13

AGAWAM ADDICTION FORUM at the Roberta G. Deringer School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam. Open house from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by the forum from 7 to 9 p.m. will include specialists, professionals and speakers. Featured guests will include Tracy Wilkie of the Shane Foundation and Kristin Trauschke of Agawam Against Addiction. For more information, visit Facebook.com/groups/AgawamAgainstAddiction.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

ONGOING

THE UPSTAIRS GALLERY AND GLASS CASES at the Agawam Public Library contain 68 photos that were juried into the Friends of the Agawam Public Library Sixth Open Juried Photography Show. The show will run to Feb. 26. Brochures are available in the gallery area at the library that describe the photographs.

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, March 14: Lemon pepper chicken, baby potatoes, peas and carrots, oranges.

Tuesday, March 15: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pudding.

Wednesday, March 16: Chicken chow mein, brown rice, crunchy noodles, baked good.

Thursday, March 17: Mulligan stew, mixed vegetables, spring salad, Jell-O.

Friday, March 18: Sweet potato-crusted cod, au gratin potatoes, buttered spinach, cinnamon apple slices.

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 14: Week-long tag sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; pitch tournament.

Tuesday, March 15: Week-long tag sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Love the Coopers"), ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train

and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Rectory conference room, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

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AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, March 14: Baked chicken patty sandwich, low-fat potato chips, carrots and ranch dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, March 15: Chicken fajitas with peppers and onions, salsa and sour cream, refried beans, diced peaches and pears, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, March 16: Hamburger and gravy over noodles, breadstick, cucumber salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, March 17: Ultra-grain stuffed-crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, March 18: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, oven baked fries, seasoned green

vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, March 14: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Tuesday, March 15: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted nutri-grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Wednesday, March 16: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Thursday, March 17: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Friday, March 18: Pillsbury mini pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, juice.



Girl Scout Dayne Gottier, left, is pictured with her physical therapist at Shriners Hospital, David Kreps, a former Agawam resident. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Agawam scouts support Shriners Hospital

Shriners Hospitals for Children in Springfield and Boston have been collecting pull-tabs or "pop-tops" from beverage cans since 1989, recycling them, and putting the money toward programs that directly benefit children. Since the inception of this program, about a half-million pounds of aluminum tabs have been collected

and recycled.

To support that effort, members of Girl Scout Troops 11265 and 11653 in Agawam have been collecting tabs. Troop Leader Barbara Wojciechowski and her daughter, Dayne Gottier, a patient at Shriners, recently delivered 16 pounds of tabs to Shriners Hospital in Springfield.

Rotary scholarship applications due April 1

The Agawam Rotary Club has announced that it will award four scholarships this year totaling \$6,000.

The Ray & Reita McCarroll Scholarship will be awarded to a senior from Agawam and a senior from West Springfield. The scholarship is in the amount of \$2,000 per student. The selection committee will choose students who best exemplify Rotary's principal motto, "Service Above Self," and who show leadership abilities and a desire to make a contribution to their home, school, community and country. The purpose of the fund is to perpetuate the memory of Ray and Reita McCarroll. Ray was a charter member of the Agawam Rotary Club and a recruiter of many new members. He was the manager of the Agawam Food Mart for 27 years and until his death in 1980 and resided in West Springfield with his wife, Reita. Reita (Stacy) McCarroll was an active supporter of the scholarship until she passed in 2009.

The Andrew Gallano Scholarship for the Arts is for \$1,000 and is presented in memory of Andrew Gallano, a lifelong resident of Agawam and a member of the Agawam Rotary Club. "Andy" contributed in many ways to Agawam, including his paintings of many area landmarks. The initial funding for this scholarship was provided by the sale of many of his paintings from his estate. The purpose of the scholarship is to financially assist any individual in obtaining education related to pursuing a career in the cultural arts. In any given year, if no individual is deemed to warrant this scholarship, the board may designate a related community-based nonprofit group for a grant in a similar amount.

The most unusual award is the Charles

H. Heyl Vocational/Technical Scholarship/Grant of \$1,000. "Charlie" was devoted to vocational and technical education. He began his career as a tool and die maker in 1946. In 1962, he began his teaching career at Agawam High School as a machine shop teacher. While serving as president of the Massachusetts Industrial Education Society from 1975 to 1977, he fought for the inclusion of industrial arts in funding for technology and this was the beginning of today's technology education in Massachusetts. Heyl served as the president of the Agawam Rotary Club for the 1998-99 year and was held in the highest regard by his fellow Rotarians. This scholarship was started with donations from club members and is unique in its purpose, which is to financially assist an individual in obtaining an education related to a vocational or technical career, or to grant an individual the amount of the scholarship for the purpose of purchasing tools or equipment to become established in a trade. The applicant need not be a high school senior.

For all scholarships, the committee has the right to interpret the guidelines, and the decisions of the committee are final. Applications are due April 1. Application forms may be obtained from the Agawam High School Guidance Department or the West Springfield High School Guidance Department (McCarroll only).

For more information, contact the Agawam Rotary Club Inc., P.O. Box 587, Agawam, MA 01001-0587. Applications can be downloaded at www.agawamrotary.org.

The Agawam Rotary Club encourages individual donations to these three scholarships so that the club may continue to encourage the hopes and dreams of young men and women.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

College acceptances

Victoria Abramchuk — Suffolk University, University of Connecticut, University of Massachusetts Boston; Jenna Bonasoni — University of Connecticut; Kayla Casamento — University of Connecticut; Ethan Laudato — University of Massachusetts Lowell; Cassidy Milliken — University of Connecticut; Joe Moccio — University of Connecticut; Maureen O'Connor — Curry College, University of New Hampshire; Paul Rivera — University of Connecticut; Melissa Schuler — Arcadia University, Roger Williams University, Salem State University; Nicholas Scuderi — University of Connecticut, University of Maine; Victoria Sutherland — Roger Williams University, University of Rhode Island; Samantha Swistak — University of Connecticut.

Special interest programs

206 Academy Day will take place at Westover Air Reserve Base Saturday, April 23, at 12:30 p.m. To learn more about service connected educational and career opportunities, as well as the application procedures for service academies, join Congressman Richard Neal and representatives from the U.S. Service Academies, Norwich, Mass Maritime and ROTC at this informational meeting. Registration materials are due by April 1 and are available in the Counseling Center.

"An Artistic Discovery" is the annual nationwide Congressional High School Art Competition, sponsored by the Congressional Arts Caucus and coordinated by members of the United States House of Representatives in their districts. The winning entry from each participating district will be exhibited for a year in a remarkable display in a hallway of the United States Capitol in Washington, DC. Interested students can obtain information and the entry form in the Counseling Center. All artwork must be ready for pickup by Monday, April 11.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement; Mark

Bavis Leadership Foundation; Dunkin' Donuts Scholarship Program; State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship; The Holyoke Community College Foundation; The Professional Women in Construction — Connecticut Chapter; Springfield Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Matthews Massachusetts Memorial Fund; Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund; Westfield River Valley Detachment; The Pascal A. Deliso Scholarship; Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts; Valley Press Club; Edward P. Boland Scholarship; American College Foundation; Dolly Lancaster Scholarship; Massachusetts Broadcasters Association Student Broadcaster Scholarship; Jewish Endowment Fund; Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts; Pioneer Valley Women's Running Club; Warrior Thunder Foundation; 2016 Student View Scholarship Program; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; Hood Milk Sportsmanship Scholarship; Red Pine Scholarship; Yawkey Scholars Program; The Phillips Scholarship Fund; The Michael Yasick ADHD Scholarship by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Skidmore College Filene Music Scholarship Competition; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship; The Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Nurse Scholarship; Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Did You Know: The smallest liberal arts college in the U.S. is Knoxville College, boasting a total enrollment of 73.

Bethany planning 'giant' egg hunt, puppet show

their little ones age 5 and under.

The TNT Puppet Team, directed by Marilene Allen, is getting ready for another performance. Their songs and skits, which are always the highlight of the morning, are funny and entertaining and will help those in attendance see God's love in a new way.

The church is at 580 Main St., Agawam.

Shortstop to host PTSO fundraiser

WESTFIELD — The Shortstop Bar & Grill, 99 Springfield St., Westfield, will donate 10 percent of all dine-in and take-out food sales from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 14, to the Agawam High School PTSO. Residents are invited to this fundraising event to support AHS teachers and students.

Cheerleading signups March 23

Signups for the Agawam Youth Cheerleading's 2016 fall season will take place Wednesday, March 23, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The signups are open to students entering grades 3 through 8.

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Fun at the fair



Craig Goodrow Jr., 4, of Agawam, has a Batman logo painted on his face by Amy Ko, a senior at Agawam High School. Ko and other members of the National Honor Society offered facepainting at the Community Fair, held in the high school cafeteria.



Representatives from several family- and child-oriented agencies and nonprofits, including daycares, sports leagues, civic groups and government assistance programs, took part in the annual Community Fair on Saturday in the cafeteria at Agawam High School.

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Dominic Gensheimer, 6, a Robinson Park School student, colors a picture of a bee at the town Community Fair on Saturday, as Debbie King, a teacher at the town's Early Childhood Center, looks on. The fair was sponsored by the Agawam Family and Community Program, a School Department agency based at the ECC.



At left: Ember St. Jean, 3, of Westfield, works on a "Green Eggs and Ham" craft at the Agawam Public Library's table at the Community Fair. Children's Librarian Pam Weingart also led a storytime activity later in the morning.



Sean Collins, 7, and his brother Austin, 3, from Agawam, participate in a "teddy bear clinic" hosted by the Agawam town nurse, Sherry Petrucci, at right. At left is Petrucci's daughter Christina Petrucci, also a nurse.

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Wesley as he held a tuning fork in a pan of water and watched the water move from sound waves. "It's a pretty cool way for families to interact with the school and see what their kids are learning," added Amy.

Dylan, 11, enjoyed the science experiments with his parents. "This is a good way to get families together to learn together," said the sixth grader.



Colin Bronner, a sixth grader at Doering, tests his reaction time to try to catch a yardstick by relying on verbal commands from this mother, Kara Forsyth, rather than visual clues. It was one of four experiments performed by students and parents at the school's first Family Science Night.

In the next classroom, Colin Bronner, 12, and his mother, Kara Forsyth, performed an experiment on human reaction times. Colin relied on verbal commands instead of visual cues to catch a yardstick.

When his mother said "Go" and let go of the yardstick, Colin's reacted. Each time he repeated it, his reaction time to grab the yardstick became quicker and quicker.

Forsyth said she had "a great time" performing the experiment. "There was an immediate improvement in Colin's response each time — it was like instant gratification."

Colin said the event was an opportunity for kids and parents to "bond over science."

"We get to show them what we do in school and they get to see how much work we do," said the sixth grader. "This is something we should have had a long time ago."

In another classroom, Omar Fazil, 11, was making a boat from a piece of tinfoil. Placing it in a pan of water, he slowly added pennies. The objective of this experiment was to design a boat that held the most pennies and still floated. His first boat held 63 pennies before it sank.

The fifth grader then redesigned his boat. His second boat held 74 pennies before gravity overcame buoyancy.

"I learned my boat would hold more pennies if I reshaped it and made the sides higher to keep the water out," he said.

Maniffa Fazi watched and encouraged his son. He said he was impressed by how many pennies his son's boat held: "I was



Omar Fazil slowly adds pennies to a boat the fifth grader made using a piece of tinfoil. He was testing buoyancy and gravity. Looking on is his father, Maniffa Fazi. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

surprised — I thought it would sink with just one or two pennies."

'Informative and insightful'

The night's fourth experiment also involved pennies and water. It tested surface tension by adding droplets of water to the face of a penny until the water overflowed.

Using an eye dropper, Gabby Rueli carefully squeezed drops of water on a penny. One by one, the drops built up until water

ran over the penny's top. The fifth grader was elated — she got 31 drops of water on a penny. On her second attempt, it was 42 drops.

Sally Rueli performed the same experiment alongside her daughter, calling it an "informative and insightful" experiment. Rueli said she had a "great time" at the Family Science Night.

"It was very interesting," she said. "I was never bored. This is much different from parent-teacher conferences, because I got to see what my daughter is learning, rather than just talking about it."

Gabby said the activities allowed parents and kids to connect about school.

"A lot of kids don't tell their parents what's going on in school," Gabby said. "This was like show and tell — but way more fun."

Donna Ferraiolo, the school's Common Core facilitator for science, said the event was geared toward getting families involved in science activities: "It was about families experimenting and experiencing science together. The idea was to give parents a real understanding of how their children are learning science."

Sue Federico, the school's principal, said the event also brought more attention to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities at the Doering School to help feed interest for STEM programs at the junior high school.

"We're always looking for good hands-on activities to motivate and engage students that also tie in math," explained Federico. "We hope this inspires more students to participate in our ninth annual science fair this May, as well as motivate more parents to support their children in STEM activities."

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SPORTS

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION 1 TOURNAMENT

Lady Brownies decrypt Cybercats in first round

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM - It's been years since Agawam had a win in a playoff game. This time, they got the job done.

Last Tuesday night, Agawam's senior attack picked up a 43-26 victory over Sci-Tech in first round of the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament.

The Brownies had some struggles, but a 17-point outburst early in the game and their usual defense allowed them to stay on top throughout the entire game.

Agawam started out with a 17-6 lead after one quarter, but the Brownies were limited to just one free throw the second quarter.

Agawam's offense picked back up with an 18-13 lead to start the third quarter.

Meghan D'Amours, who has been one of Agawam's leaders on the court all season long, sank a layup and drew a foul. She would nail the free throw to make it a 21-13 Agawam lead.



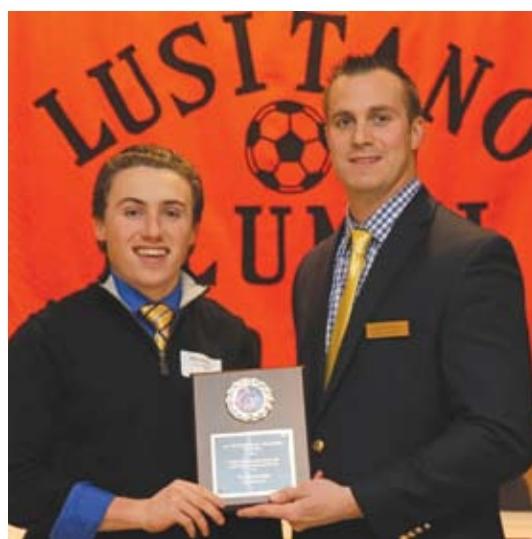
Christie Mirski stops to make a jump shot. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



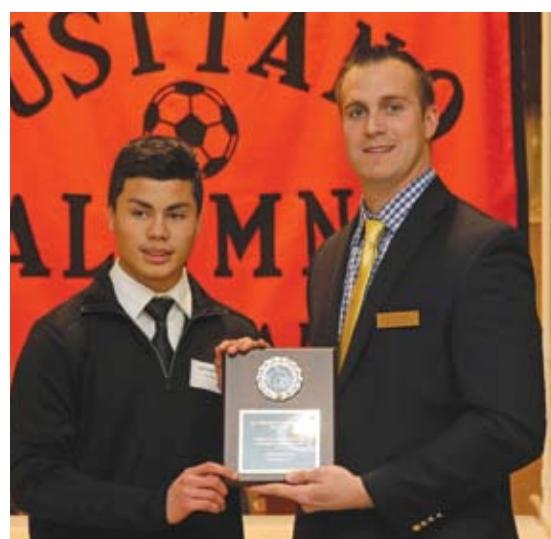
Meghan D'Amours sets to hand off the ball.

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SOCER



Agawam's Tym Regnier, (left) receives his award. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Agawam's Luis Nieves, (left), receives his award.

Soccer players recognized at Lusitano

By Tim Peterson
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW - The 27th annual Lusitano Alumni & Fans All-Star High School Soccer Player Awards Night was held at the Gremio-Lusitano Club recently.

Gary Cook, who recently retired as the Wilbraham & Monson Academy boys soccer coach after 35 years, was the guest speaker. He's also a U-17 boys soccer coach for the Western United Pioneers and has been an instructor with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America for the past 17 years.

The two LAF Scholarship Awards, which is sponsored by the Joseph Dias Jr. Foundation, were given to Mike Peplowski, who's a senior at St. Joseph's of Pittsfield,

and Alicia Frappier, who's a senior at Granby High School.

Frappier, who hasn't made her college decision yet, is a member of the National Honor Society.

"Alicia asked me to write her a letter of recommendation for this scholarship," said Granby girls varsity soccer coach Jessica Boardway. "It's an honor to write a letter for an outstanding soccer player and student like Alicia.

She's a hard working soccer player and she led the team by example every single day this past year."

Frappier helped the Lady Rams win two Western Mass. Division 3 titles. The Lady Rams also played in the 2013 state finals for the first time in school history.

"I really appreciate everything that coach Boardway did to help me be selected for this very spe-

cial award," Frappier said. "I'm now one step closer to making my college decision. My two top choices are Western New England and Nichols College. I'm also hoping to continue playing soccer in college."

The 12 Division 1 Girls First Team All-Star players from the Turley Publications coverage area are: Sarah Carron (Agawam), Calie Cavanaugh (Holyoke), Giavanna Colaccino (Ludlow), Isabella Eduardo (Chicopee), Morgan Foye (Ludlow), Jaileen Goncalves (Minnechaug), Jennifer Hackett (Ludlow), Kayla Henry (Belchertown), Ashley Jones (Minnechaug), Nissa Pereira (Ludlow), Kylie Ratelle (Chicopee), and Molly Serra (Minnechaug).

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Hurricanes oust Brownies in D1 quarterfinals

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with 12 points, and Myles Scott finished with just nine points.

The Hurricanes did a good job keeping forward Sean Moore off the scoreboard. The senior was limited to seven points.

Agawam was feeling strong after missing out on the tournament last year with a very young team, and returning this year with their players a year more experienced and going 13-7. Even more impressive was Agawam's 12-2 Suburban League record. The Brownies won the league for the first time in many years. They finished a game ahead of Chicopee Comp and Longmeadow, both tournament teams this year.

The Brownies had a very tough stretch to start the season, going 2-3 and losing a few close games. But the Brownies would pick it up, winning seven straight to rise to tournament contention. They were undefeated from Jan. 12 to Feb. 4.

The Brownies would draw the No. 6 seed with their regular season record.

While the Brownies will send away some great senior talent in Moccio, Moore, Mike Destefano, they will return Ohradka and Scott, along with John Wright and Mike Basile next season.

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Agawam was led by Meesha Ohradka, who had a 28-point performance of his own. He would nail five treys and five free throws. Joe Moccio had a good game

Sports



Jess Lingenberg holds the ball outside the perimeter.



Allison Wheeler looks for an open path to the hoop.
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Christie Mirski got in on the scoring a with a free throw, helping increase Agawam's lead to 24-13.

Jessica Lingenberg and D'Amours both scored to make it 28-13, and the Brownies continued to put some distance between themselves and Cybercats.

Sci-Tech's only scores were two free throws late in the quarter, and the Brownies had a 30-15 lead after three quarters.

The balanced attack continued into the fourth quarter and the Brownies held on to advance into the quarterfinals of the tournament, which took place last Thursday night at Holyoke High School.

No. 6 Agawam defeated Sci-Tech with great defense. Coach Harold Cote said it is the same formula that has worked all season for his team. The Brownies have not played Sci-Tech in many years. Cote said he had no knowledge of the Cybercats.

"We have never seen them before," said Cote. "We just wanted to keep playing great defense." Cote said execution was a key to victory.

"They worked well on both sides of the ball," said Cote. "We had a little bit of trouble in the second quarter, but they picked it back up."

He said Mirski and D'Amours did their share on offense, and Bianca Culhane and Allison Wheeler both did their parts on defense.

D'Amours led all scorers with 14 points. Lingenberg was next with 11 points. Mirski finished with nine points, including a pair of treys.



Bianca Culhane looks to make a pass.



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Dr. Aquilina will be our pediatric dental specialist at **Cornerstone Kids Dentistry**. A New York native, Dr. Aquilina studied biology at Cornell University, where she graduated with Distinction in All Subjects. She went on to receive her dental degree from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. At UConn, Dr. Aquilina was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society and received the Pierre Fauchard Academy Award, the Quintessence Award, the UConn Alumni Research Award, and the NIDCR Dental Student Research Award. Currently, she is nearing completion of her pediatric dentistry residency at UConn and CT Children's Medical Center, where she has undergone advanced training in pediatric medicine, emergency dental management, treatment of children with special health care needs, and sedation dentistry. Dr. Aquilina also holds certification in Pediatric Advanced Life Support.

When not in the office, Dr. Aquilina enjoys spending time with family and friends. She also likes staying active by practicing yoga, hiking and skiing.

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Agawam High School athletics to induct first Hall of Fame class

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department is proud and excited to announce the induction of the inaugural class of The Agawam High School Athletic Hall of Fame. AHS has a long and proud history which encompasses many sports.

The AHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee was formed earlier this year to recognize and honor those who have made a significant athletic contribution to Agawam High School. The Hall of Fame Committee is looking forward to a community effort to help make the A.H.S. Athletic Hall of Fame a tribute to the athletes, coaches, teams and contributors who have given so much to the high school and to the Town of Agawam through sport. The presentation of the first Hall of Fame class will be held at the Agawam High School on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016. Details will follow.

Effective immediately, The Agawam High Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will be accepting completed nomination packets for athletes, teams and contributors who have distinguished themselves in athletics at Agawam High School as well as in their college and professional lives.

Nomination form directions must be followed exactly with all necessary information included. Incomplete nomination forms will not be accepted, so please be as accurate and complete as possible. Nomination forms are due on or before April 1, 2016, to be considered for induction into the AHS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016.

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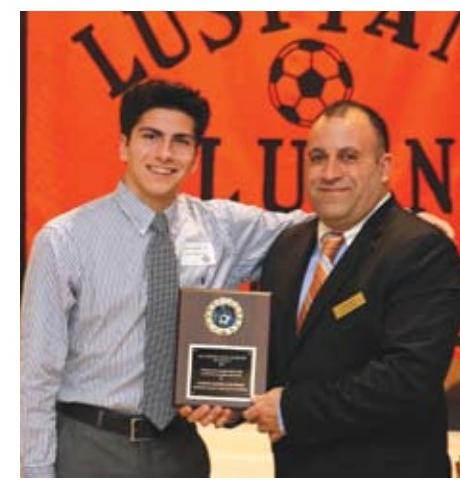
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Sarah Carron, a member of the varsity girls soccer team, right, receives her award. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Joseph Mozdzanowski, a player for the Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, and an Agawam resident, receives an all-star award.

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Pereira, who was a junior defender last fall, was also chosen by the head coaches as the Division 1 Girls Most Valuable Player.

"I was very surprised when they announced my name because I never really expected to receive the MVP award," said Pereira following the awards banquet. "It's just an amazing honor and it was just a very special season."

Pereira anchored the Lady Lions defensive unit, along with junior Taylor Masse, junior Andrea Jozefczyk, and senior Kaeli Serafino, which only gave up eight goals the entire season.

The top-seeded Lady Lions lost a heart-breaker against the second-seeded Minnechaug Lady Falcons, 1-0, in the Western Mass. Division 1 finals.

The eight Division 1 Boys First Team All-Star selections from the Turley Publications coverage area are:

Mike Doyle (Chicopee), Willem Fuehr (Minnechaug), Evan Jurkowski (Ludlow), Dan Korotich (Agawam), Matt LaBranche (Minnechaug), A.J. Mercer (Chicopee Comp), Luis Nieves (Agawam), and Tym Regnier (Agawam).

The nine Division 3 Girls First Team All-Star selections from the Turley Publications coverage area are: Caroline Cyr (Granby), Alicia Frappier (Granby), Sophie Gatzounas (South Hadley), Lydia Kinsman (Southwick), Alex Mello (Southwick), Erin Mikalchus (Granby), Summer Molin (Granby), Kate Sarnacki (Granby), and Maddy Stahelski (Palmer).

Stahelski and Kinsman were named as the co-Division 3 Girls MVP's.

The eight Division 3 Boys First Team All-Star selections from the Turley Publications coverage area are: Connor Curtin (Belchertown), Bailey Emerson (Southwick), Jonathan Ingram (Belchertown), Ryan Kearney (Belchertown), Matt Remillard (Palmer), Joao Soares (Palmer), Jorge Soares (Palmer), and Ryan Todesco (Southwick).

The six Division 4 Girls First Team All-Star selections from the Turley Publications coverage area are:

Lily Fabian (Monson), Jen Fabrycki (Monson), Lexi Griffin (Holyoke Catholic), Megan McGuill (Monson), Bryanna Murphy (Monson), and Allie Zollo (Monson).

The eight Division 4 Boys First Team All-Star selections from the Turley Publications coverage area are Kyle Craven (Monson), Joe Desormier (Granby), Colby Forbush (Granby), Connor Hicks (Monson), Kyle Hill (Ware), Nate Lobik (Monson), Kyle Monaghan (Monson), and Michael Murphy (Monson).

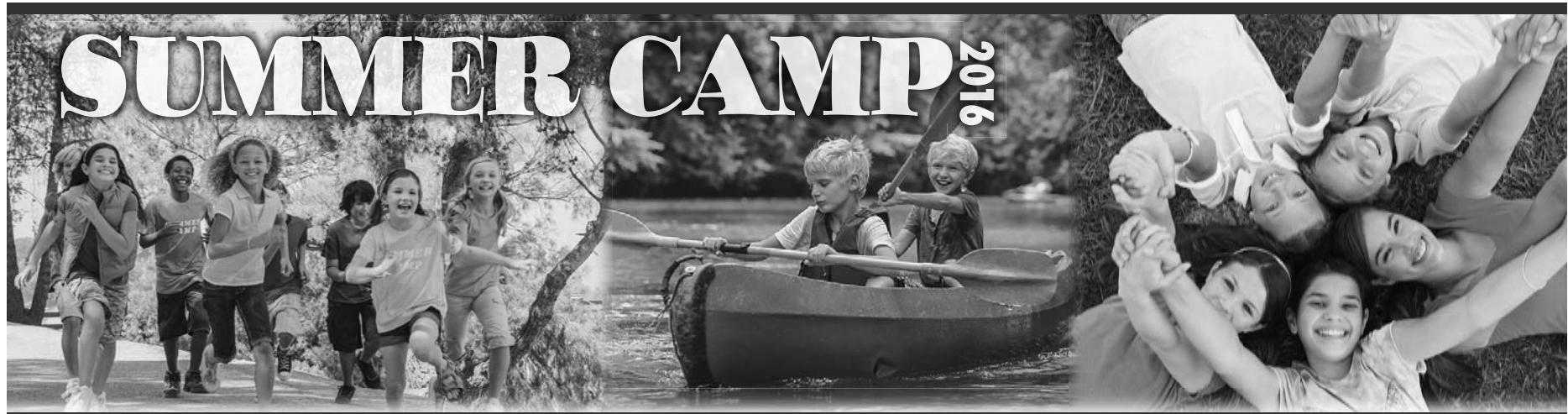
Both of the Monson soccer teams won the Division 4 state finals.

Hicks, who's a junior, was also named as the Division 4 boys MVP.

"It just feels amazing to receive the MVP award," Hicks said. "I put in a lot of hard work and it really means a lot to me. I'm really looking forward to next season."

It was a very special evening for all of the All-Star soccer players from Western Massachusetts.

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The camp's Director of Programs and Development, Ashley Dufrane is heading the Therapeutic Program. Ashley has been involved with horses and therapeutic riding for the past ten years. Ashley is a PATH certified instructor, Massachusetts riding instructor, certified special olympic coach, and is currently completing her

degree in Animal Science at Becker College. Ashley has been involved in therapeutic horseback riding for the past ten years. She started out as a volunteer, then became a barn staff, and finally an instructor. Ashley has worked with many children and adults with ranging disabilities. Ashley is continuing her education in therapeutic horseback riding, and has hopes to receive her advanced certification through PATH.

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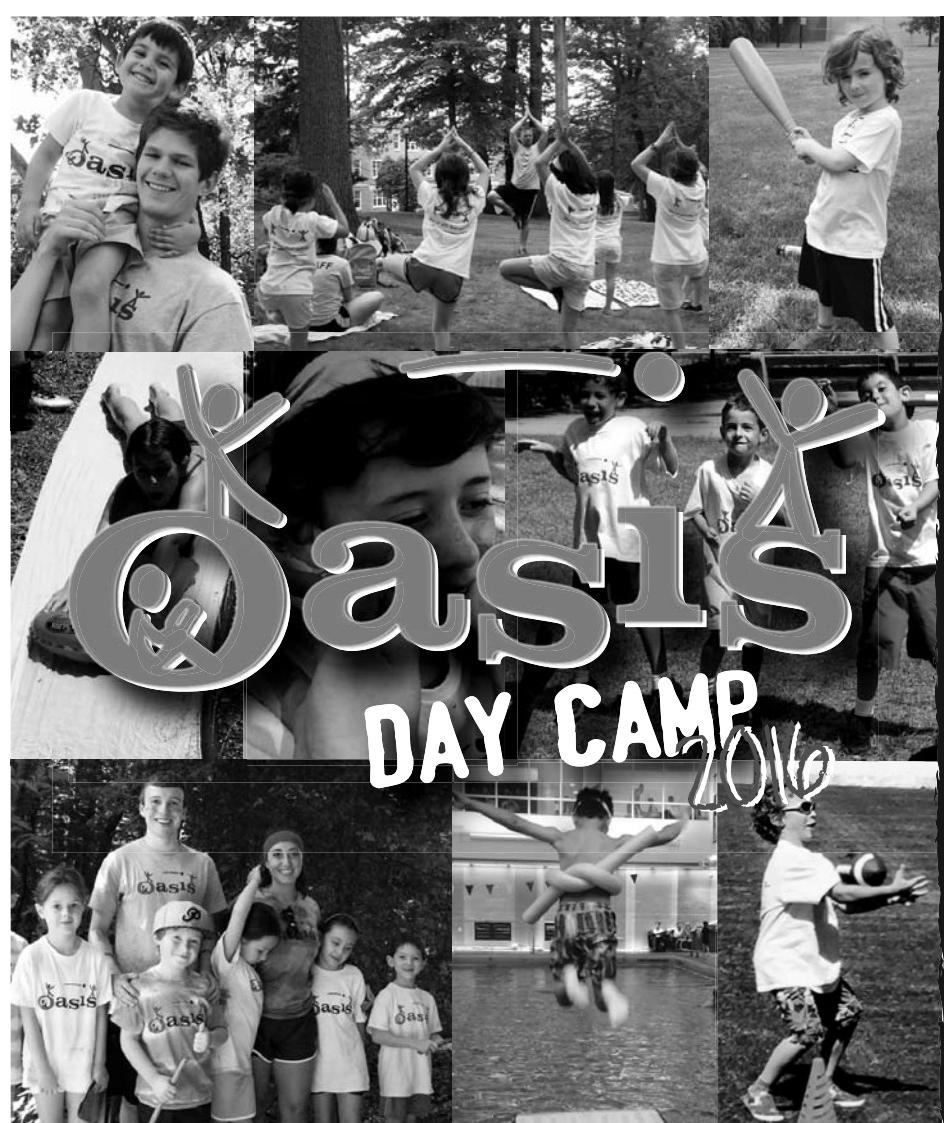
WEEK 1: Half day (8:30 am - 12:30 pm) Cost \$180
July 25-28th Carpentry, Collision Repair, Cosmetology and Manufacturing.
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Program Name	Week #1 July 25-28	Week #2 Aug. 1-4	Half Day	Full Day	TOTAL

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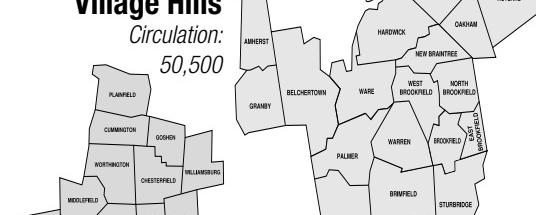
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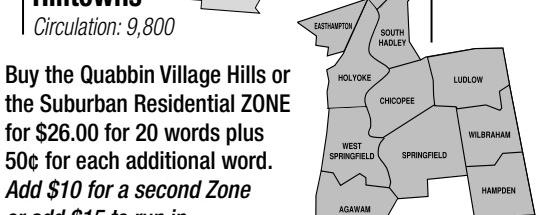
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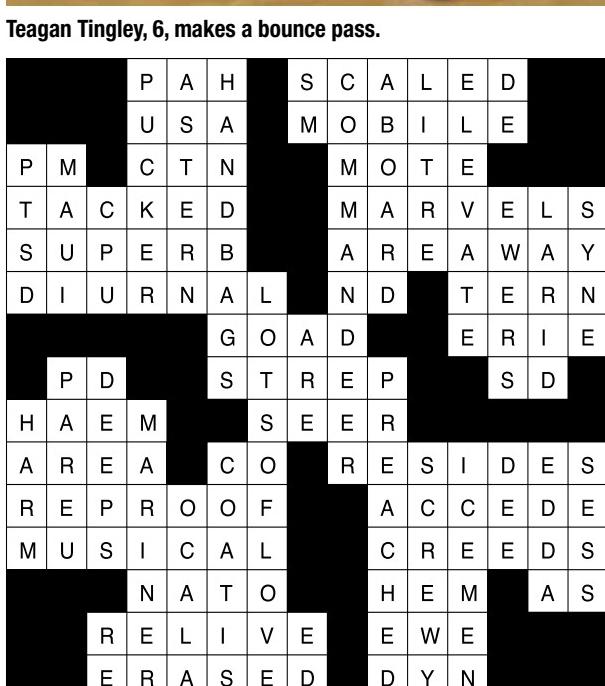
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Learning to play

The Agawam YMCA holds instructional basketball programs for area youth at Agawam Junior High School on Saturday mornings. The program is run by Ryan Rackliffe and includes different drills and shooting for the younger players.

The Bitty Basketball program finishes up for the day and the group takes a photo. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



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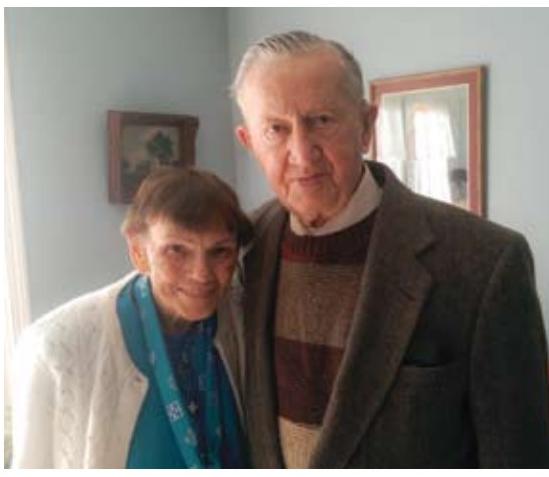


Honoring Carl



Darryl Beane, left, stopped by Agawam Town Hall recently to thank Mayor Richard Cohen for his support for nominating his brother, Carl Beane, to the Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame. Carl Beane, a native of Agawam and a 1971 graduate of Agawam High School, was the public address announcer for the Boston Red Sox from 2003 until 2012. He died as the result of injuries suffered in a car crash May 9, 2012. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in January. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Platinum anniversary



A 70th anniversary party for Janice and Edward Barako was held Sunday, Feb. 28. Janice and Ed were married Feb. 23, 1946, in Jersey City, N.J. They have been residents of Feeding Hills since 1973 and for many years were very active in the Agawam Polish Club. Many friends and family were in attendance, including Ed's brother, who was the best man at their wedding. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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